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- The Administrative Board of the Albanian Ministry of the Interior, which is directed by (Soviet) Lt. Colonel I. Corbatov, assisted by Lampe, Romashkin, Loktidnov, Chumak, Golovazky, Tolkov and the recently arrived Kotlenko (all of whom are Soviet specialists), decided in December 1948 to carry out an "act of normalization",
- This "act of normalization" is to consist of:
 - Clearing Albania of hostile elements,
 - Stabilizing its frontiers, and
 - C. Increasing industrial and agricultural production by clamping down on sabotage.
- The "act" came into force on 3 January 1949 when the l'inistry of the Interior ordered stricter surveillance of the inhabitants of the three north-eastern prefectures of Shkoder, Kukes and Peshkopije on the Yugoslav frontier. (These areas are peopled by the Cheg tribes who are more or less connected with Yugoslavia and are at loggerheads with the present regime in Albania.)
- In this connection it is to be noted that the departure of the Yugoslav specialists engaged in draining the marshes near Sutorman and the consequent interruption of these operations occasioned considerable discontent in Shkoder and its neighborhood, which the Administration Board now stigmatizes as a center of espionage, sabotage and enemy diversion.

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